



NEWS RELEASE Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford

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Deadline Extended for Second District Youth Council Apps

RANCHO CUCAMONGA—San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford is extending the deadline for students to submit applications for the 2021-22 session of the award-winning Second District Youth Council.

"Some students have had trouble getting teachers to complete the evaluation forms because they aren't in school, so I'm pushing the deadline to August 31," Rutherford said. "The Youth Council is a great opportunity for students to get a behind-the-scenes look at local government, and along the way, they'll make new friends, develop new skills, and complete service projects in their community."

This year's Youth Council Coordinator is Nia Bratton, who served as Student Director of Rutherford's first Youth Council in 2016 while she was attending Upland High School. She recently earned a degree in political science from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks and was selected to serve as a Policy Advisor for the Supervisor earlier this month.

The Youth Council meets monthly in the evenings in Rancho Cucamonga. Some meetings may be held virtually depending on conditions. The term is from September to May, but there may be optional events during the summer. In addition, the group performs community service projects during evenings and weekends. Members must reside or attend a high school in the Second District, have access to email, and provide their own transportation to meetings and events.

The Second District Youth Council program was recognized with an Achievement Award by the National Association of Counties in 2019.

Students can fill out and download the application at www.sbcounty.gov/Rutherford. The application is located under the Open Government tab. Applications are due by August 31,2021.

Youth Council Coordinator Nia Bratton can be reached at (909) 756-1467 or at Nia.Bratton@bos.sbcounty.gov for information about the program.